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SUBJECT: BROADCAST SATELLITES

REF: (A) STATE 032758; (B) STATE 046107; (C) TOKYO A-104

1. WE HAVE NOTED SEVERAL REFERENCES TO BROADCAST SATELLITES IN EMBASSY'S EXCELLENT REPORT ON JAPAN'S SPACE PROGRAM. BROADCAST SATELLITES ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST HERE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ON- GOING STUDY OF FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING: (A) REASONS WHY MPT HAS BEEN EXERTING PRESSURE TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION (P. 25, TOKYO'S A-104); (B) WHAT OBJECTIVES (E. G., COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL) THE JAPANESE HAVE IN MIND IN INCLUDING IN THE PROJECTED MISSION OF SUCH SATELLITES TO DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER ASIAN

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COUNTRIES (P. 31); (C) FACTORS UNDERLYING EMBASSY' S
CONCLUSION (P. 63) THAT JAPAN MAY HAVE OVERWHELMING NEED
FOR BROADCAST SATELLITES B9 1976-77; (D) WHAT ASSUMPTIONS
JAPANESE ARE CURRENTLY MAKING ABOUT NEED FOR SPECIAL
ANTENNAS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO RECEIVE SIGNALS FROM
BROADCAST SATELLITES.

3. WE RECOGNIZE DETAILED INFORMATION IS NOT LIKELY
TO BE AVAILABLE BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY CLARIFICATION OF
UNDERLYING CONSIDERATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS.

4. JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF OUR INTEREST.
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